A SPOTTER'S GUIDE FOR WETLAND VISITORS

Look for the plants and animals listed below in the wetland you visit. Some common species may be seen in several types of wetland. Using one of the wetland field guides suggested, see how many different plants and animals you can identify.

MARSHES

Plants

Cattail
Arrowhead
Bluejoint grass
Bulrushes
Sedges
Water lily
Pondweed

Birds

American and least bitterns Swamp sparrow Blue-winged teal Canada goose Great blue heron Marsh or sedge wren Pied-billed grebe Great egret Red-winged blackbird Sandhill crane

Virginia and sora rails

Mammals

blackbird

Black tern

Yellow-headed

Masked shrew Meadow vole Muskrat Mink Beaver White-tailed deer

Reptiles & amphibians

Spring peeper Bullfrog Northern water snake Painted turtle

Insects and butterflies

Milkweed beetle Damselflies Dragonflies Viceroy butterfly

SWAMPS

The plants and animals found in swamps (wetlands with trees and shrubs) vary widely from north to south in Wisconsin.

Northern (N) and southern (S) species are labeled accordingly; unlabeled species are found throughout the state.

Plants

Marsh marigold
Red osier dogwood
Skunk cabbage
Speckled alder
Spotted touch-me-not
Red and silver maple (S)
Black ash (S)
Hemlock (N)
White cedar (N)

Birds

Woodpeckers
Belted kingfisher
Alder and willow
flycatchers
Yellow warbler
Black duck (N)
Wood duck
Barred owl
Sandhill crane
American woodcock
Common yellowthroat
Red-shouldered hawk
Great blue heron
Northern oriole (S)
Prothonotary warbler (S)

Mammals

Star-nosed mole
Mink
Muskrat (S)
Black bear (N)
Snowshoe hare (N)
Bobcat (N)
River otter

Frogs and reptiles

Wood frog Spotted salamander Wood turtle (N) Northern water snake

Insects and butterflies

Brown-eyed butterfly

BOGS

PlantsCotton grass sedge

Bog rosemary

Cranberry
Pitcher plant
Labrador tea
Leatherleaf
Sundew
Sphagnum moss
Tamarack
Black spruce

Birds

Song sparrow Common yellowthroat White-throated sparrow Hermit thrush Nashville warbler Mammals Black bear Bog lemming

Reptiles & amphibians

Redbelly snake

Insects and butterflies

Sulfur butterfly Bog fritillary

FENS

Plants

Watercress
Shrubby cinquefoil
Swamp thistle
Ohio goldenrod
White lady's slipper
Beaked spike rush
Bladderwort

Birds

Common snipe Yellow warbler Common yellowthroat Swamp sparrow Red-winged blackbird

Mammals

Eastern cottontail rabbit Raccoon

Frogs and reptiles

Snail
Blanding's turtle
Pickerel frog
Butler's garter snake
Common water snake

Insects & butterflies

Baltimore checkerspot butterfly Mulberry-wing skipper butterfly Viceroy butterfly Purple and red-bodied damselflies

